

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-55. (Canceled).

56. (Previously Presented) A method, executable in a computer, for restricting access to a script in a computer, comprising

storing a modified web page in a web server including a hypertext object having a reference to a decryption program and a reference to an encrypted script;

sending a first URL request to the web server for the modified web page by a web browser in a computer;

receiving the first URL request at the web server and fetching the modified web page for a first download to the web browser;

sending a second URL request to the web server initiated by the user for the decryption program;

receiving the second URL request at the web server and fetching the decryption program for a second download to the web browser;

retrieving the URL reference to the encrypted script in the modified web page by the web browser;

sending a third URL request to the web server initiated by a runtime environment for the encrypted script;

receiving the third URL request by the web server and fetching the encrypted script for a third download to the run-time environment; and

decrypting the encrypted script by the run-time environment to produce a script for transmittal to and execution by the web browser.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56 further comprising:

detecting in the first download by the web browser a URL reference in the modified web page to a decryption program.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56 further comprising:
detecting in the second download by the web browser a URL reference to an encrypted script in the modified web page.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56 further comprising:
invoking the decryption program with the reference to the encrypted script by the web browser for execution by the run-time environment.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56 wherein the web browser is a multi-tasking browser.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56 wherein the run-time environment is a multi-tasking run-time environment.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 60 further comprising:
launching concurrent tasks by the multi-tasking browser when the web page is loaded into the web browser.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 62 wherein ~~the~~ first concurrent task sends the second URL request to the web server for the decryption program.

64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 62 wherein ~~the~~ a second concurrent task sends the third URL request to the web server for the encrypted script.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 wherein the multi-tasking runtime environment suspends to wait for the multi-tasking runtime environment to detect that the multi-tasking web browser has stored the encrypted script.

66. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 60 wherein the multi-tasking browser triggers the multi-tasking run-time environment to synchronize ~~the~~ a first and ~~the~~ a second concurrent tasks by detecting the availability of the encrypted script.

67. (Previously Presented) A method, executable in a computer, that restricts access to a script in a computer, comprising the steps of:

- receiving from a user a first request for a hypertext object including a reference to an encrypted script and a reference to a decryption program capable of decrypting the encrypted script;

- transferring the hypertext object to the requester;

- sending the decryption program pursuant to a second request from the user;

- receiving a third request from a requester for the encrypted script;

- transferring the encrypted script to the requester, wherein the request for the encrypted script is prompted by receipt of the hypertext object, and

- wherein the request for the decryption program is prompted by receipt of the hypertext object.

68. (Previously Presented) A system that restricts access to a script in a computer, comprising a web server configured to:

- receive from a user a first request for a modified web page having a hypertext object including a reference to an encrypted script and a reference to a decryption program capable of decrypting the encrypted script;

- transfer the hypertext object to a web browser in response to the first request;

- send the decryption program pursuant to a second request from the user;

- receive a third request from a requester for the encrypted script;

- transfer the encrypted script to the requester, wherein the request for the encrypted script is prompted by receipt of the hypertext object, and

- a web browser configured to:

- send requests to the web server for a modified web page stored in the web server in response to user requests;

- detect the presence of references in the modified web page for acquiring the subject matter of the references from the web server; and

- interact with a run-time.